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Dr. Shapiro Takes Post As Chief of Radiology

Dr. Robert Shapiro has taken up his duties as Beth Israel Radiologist-in-Chief and Professor of Radiology at the Harvard Medical School. His appointment was announced jointly by Dr. George P. Berry, Dean of the Harvard Medical School, and Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director of Beth Israel.

Dr. Shapiro comes to B.I. from Yale University School of Medicine and from The Hospital of St. Raphael at New Haven, Connecticut, where he was Associate Clinical Professor of Radiology and Chair-

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Dr. Robert Shapiro

Members Elect New Trustees and '63 Officers

Isidor Slotnik was re-elected President of Beth Israel Hospital at the business session of the Annual Dinner. Other outstanding leaders were chosen as Officers and Trustees for the coming year.

Mr. Slotnik will serve his second term as the Hospital's building and expansion program enters a more intensive phase of construction activities. He played an important role in the planning which led to creation of the Hospital's Development Program.

Other officers re-elected to major posts included Vice Presidents: Samuel L. Slosberg, Joseph G. Riesman, Irving W. Rabb; Sec-

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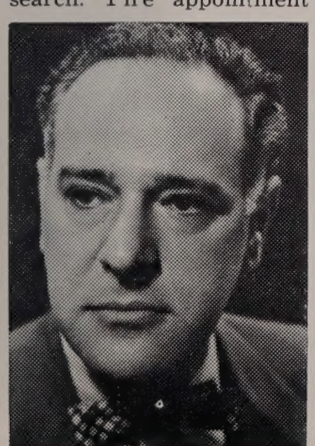
Dr. Alexander Appointed Acting Physician-in-Chief

Dr. Benjamin Alexander has been named as Acting Physician-in-Chief and Acting Director of Medical Research. The appointment was announced by Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director, after retirement of Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart as Director of Medical Research, Physician-in-Chief and Professor of Medicine at Harvard.



Dr. Benjamin Alexander

In his new post, Dr. Alexander will also be responsible for the teaching program of the Harvard Medical School in Medicine at Beth Israel. He is Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard.

Boston born and bred, Dr. Alexander was graduated Summa Cum Laude from Harvard and Magna Cum Laude from Harvard Medical School. Following clinical training here, he taught in the biochemis-

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Planning Aids OBS, GYN Move

Moving day for the youngest among us and their mothers took place recently when the Obstetrics-Gynecological Service shifted much of its activity to the eighth floor. New facilities include:

- A new formula room.
- Two new air-conditioned nurseries.
- A new Admitting Room which speeds the reception process.
- A four-bedded Post-Delivery Observation Room which allows doctors and nurses to maintain closer watch over post partum patients.
- A special room for waiting fathers.
- A refurnished on-call room for staff physicians.

Service Coordinated

The change, which increases hospital efficiency through establishment of the horizontal concept of floor care, was initiated after the most careful planning process.

In carrying out the move, the Administrative Planning department, under its Director, Jerome R. Sapolsky, coordinated activities of several department heads and outside suppliers. These included Miss Dora E. Zolotin, Director of Nursing; Mrs. Marjorie Bachmann, Nursing Supervisor, OBS-GYN; Mr. John I. Hanley, Head of the Housekeeping Department; Mr. Vincent F. Gardner, Head of the Maintenance Department and Miss Ruth Sheinwald, Head of the Dietary Department.

The entire 8th Floor of the North and South Buildings, as well as 7 South, have now been assigned to OBS-GYN. Previously the service functioned on three floors of the South Building. This is part of B.I.'s program to develop a coordinated OBS and GYN service, according to Drs. Sidney S. Lee, General Director, and Hilton A. Salhanick, Chief of OBS-GYN.

During its 11-year history, the service has seen 28,000 babies born here.

Dinner Hails B. I. Progress, Plans

A year of "exciting growth and activity" at Beth Israel Hospital was highlighted when 600 community leaders gathered at the Annual Dinner to honor Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky on his 80th birthday.

Speakers

With Dr. Wilinsky as principal speaker and recipient of many tributes, the occasion provided solid continuity between the past achievements of the Hospital and its great future.

General Chairman of the dinner was Samuel L. Slosberg, a Vice President of the Hospital. Speakers included Dr. Wilinsky, Isidor Slotnik, Hospital President; Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director; Mrs. Nathan Sidel, President of the Women's Auxiliary; and Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart, retired Physician-in-Chief.

A special citation was awarded to Mrs. Nehemiah H. Whitman as a "token of appreciation for her gracious and unselfish service to the Hospital and the community." Mrs. Whitman, an Honorary Trustee, had been Co-Chairman of the Annual Dinner for 10 years.

She served as Co-Chairman of the 1962 Dinner with Dr. Louis Hermanson, Head of the Outpatient Surgical Clinics of Beth Israel and Clinical Associate in Surgery at the Harvard Medical School. Mrs. Clifton E. Helman was Vice Chairman of the Dinner.

Mr. Slosberg presented a citation to Dr. Wilinsky who was Executive Director of Beth Israel from its opening at the present site in 1928 until his retirement in 1953.

Wilinsky Tributes

The citation said in part, "In a very real sense the story of Beth Israel Hospital's growth and development have paralleled your career. The community is grateful for your work with the great volunteer leaders of the Hospital in establishing the highest

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42 Nurses Earn Diplomas; Over Half Stay at BI

Principals at B.I.'s 41st Nursing School Commencement included (from left to right): Dr. Sidney S. Lee, Hospital General Director; Mrs. Virginia M. Johnsen, Associate Director of Nursing Education; Mr. Isidor Slotnik, Hospital President; Miss Dora E. Zolotin, Director of Nursing; and Dr. Count D. Gibson, Jr., featured speaker.

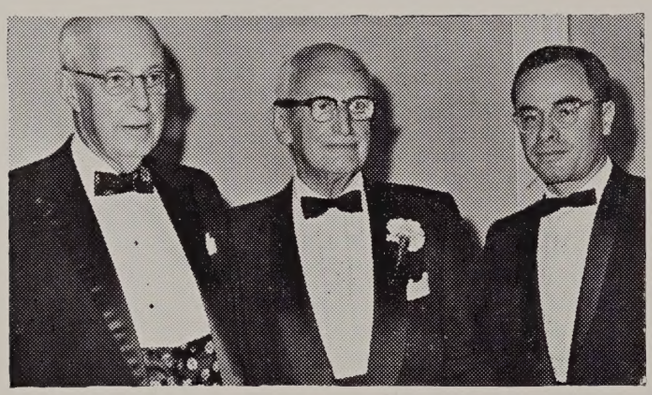
Three years of intensive study and clinical training came to a rewarding conclusion for the 42 young women who were graduated from the B.I.H. School of Nursing at recent Commencement exercises.

More than half the new nurses accepted their first staff posts at Beth Israel Hospital.

Scenes at Annual Dinner In Honor of Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky

Mrs. Norman L. Cahners, newly elected B.I. Trustee, talks with Ralph Lowell, Chairman, New England Center Hospital.

Guests use earphones to hear story of photographs illustrating patient care from 1928 through 1962.



At the left, Dr. Wilinsky (center), is joined by Carey C. Luce (left), President, Martha's Vineyard Hospital and his son, Gene Wilinsky.

Birthday Cake display showing highlights of Dr. Wilinsky's career.

Enjoying pre-dinner gathering (right) are Mrs. Myer Riesman (left), and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Riesman.

On television are head table guests (from left to right): Mrs. Nehemiah H. Whitman, Samuel L. Slosberg, Isidor Slotnik, Dr. Wilinsky, Dr. Sidney S. Lee and Mrs. Wilinsky.

Mrs. Wilinsky cuts birthday cake as head table guests rise in tribute to Dr. Wilinsky.

Future Hospitals Will be Health Centers of Community—Wilinsky

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standards of patient care from the very day of its opening; that you saw the wisdom and advantages of university teaching affiliation; and that you helped build Beth Israel into a great research center."

In other tributes, Dr. Samuel Stearns, Head of the Out-Patient Diabetic Clinic at Beth Israel and President of the Beth Israel Staff Council, presented a Paul Revere Bowl to Dr. Wilinsky as a token of esteem from the hospital's medical staff, and the Nursing Alumnae Association made Dr. Wilinsky a Life Member in the Auxiliary.

Dr. Wilinsky foresaw the hospital of the future as a "beacon light" concerned not only with prevention, control and treatment of illness, but with the teaching of people for healthful living.

"I visualize the hospital of the future as the health center of the community," Dr. Wilinsky declared. "Those responsible for the policies of hospitals must never lose sight of their primary obligation — the care of the sick."

Construction Results

Mr. Slotnik, in reporting continuation of the hospital's construction program, announced two new federal construction grants under the Hill-Burton program. One is for $155,000 for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation facilities; the other a general construction grant for $400,000.

"The most important effect of construction thus far," he said, "has been the fact that the hospital has been able to shift its plan of operation from a vertical to a more horizontal basis. This will result ultimately in additional beds being put into service."

Dr. Lee, General Director of the Hospital, reported salient features of hospital operations during the past year.

"Our primary area of concern is quality," he said. "We do not aspire to be the largest hospital in the community. But we do try to be the best.

"None of this would be possible, however, if it were not for the support of the community which stands behind Beth Israel — for our Trustees and their Officers — who, with courage and drive, continue to provide the impetus for forward movement."

Dinner Officials Pose With Guest of Honor: From left to right are Dr. Louis Hermanson, Mrs. Clifton E. Helman, Samuel L. Slosberg, Dr. Wilinsky, Isidor Slotnik, Mrs. Nehemiah H. Whitman and Dr. Sidney S. Lee.

The citation to Mrs. Whitman honored her as "the one principally responsible for making this occasion distinguished and outstanding and one which has brought honor to the Hospital."

Mrs. Sidel reviewed activities of the Women's Auxiliary during Dr. Wilinsky's directorship of the Hospital and said, "We honor ourselves by honoring you in celebrating your 80th birthday by the establishment of an annual nursing scholarship in your name." She also presented Mr. Slotnik with a check for $85,000 as another payment on the Women's Auxiliary pledge for the Hospital's Development Program.

Dr. Wolff Named Clinical Professor

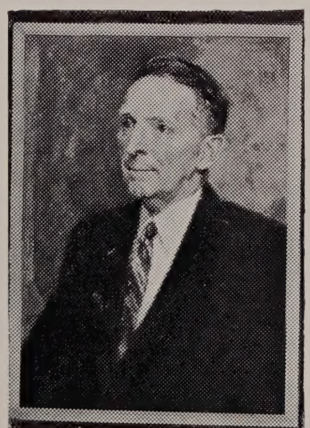
Dr. Louis Wolff, Visiting Physician and Head of the Cardiography Unit at Beth Israel, has been promoted to Clinical Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School according to an announcement by Dr. George P. Berry, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

His contributions include some of the first clinical trials of Vectorcardiography, an advanced method for determining the direction and magnitude of electrical forces of the heart.

He received his B.S. degree in 1918 from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his M.D. degree from Harvard in 1922.

Dr. Herrman Blumgart's Portrait Presented at Annual Dinner

Presentation to the Hospital of a portrait of its retired Physician-in-Chief, Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart, was one of the Annual Dinner highlights. The oil painting was done by the noted artist, Gardner Cox.



Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart

Dr. Blumgart, who is also Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School, Emeritus, was Beth Israel's first Director of Medical Research. He is one of the few living teachers who has had a Chair of Medicine endowed in his honor at the Harvard Medical School. Known as the Herrman L. Blumgart Professorship of Medicine at Harvard, the Chair was endowed by a group of Beth Israel Hospital Trustees, colleagues and friends of Dr. Blumgart.

Isidor Slotnik Reelected As President of B. I. H.

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retary: David H. Greenberg; Treasurer: Irving Usen; Assistant Secretary, Thomas Kaplan and Assistant Treasurer, David Kane.

New trustees introduced at the gathering included Mrs. Norman L. Cahners, Paul Sonnabend, S. Sidney Stoneman and Thomas Kaplan. They will serve until 1965.

Elevated to the position of Honorary Trustee were Judge Jennie Loitman Barron, Mrs. Abraham E. Pinanski, Bennett Rockman and A. M. Sonnabend.

Re-elected to three year terms as Trustees were Irwin Benjamin, Abram Berkowitz, Henry G. Cohen, Harry M. Feinberg, David Kane, Philip W. Lown, Mrs. Sidney R. Rabb, Edward Rose, Col. Louis I. Rosenfield, S. Robert Stone, Benjamin A. Trustman, Benjamin Ulin, Saul Wallen, Albert H. Wechsler, Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky and Rudolph H. Wyner.

Board members chosen to serve on the Executive Committee include Irwin Benjamin, Joseph H. Cohen, Herman Dana, John Druker, Herman Gilman, Mortimer C. Gryzmish, Reuben B. Gryzmish, Simon J. Helman, Sol Horwitz, Milton Kahn, Herman Mintz, Mrs. Sidney R. Rabb, Bennett Rockman, Edward Rose, Col. Louis I. Rosenfield, Hon. Philip Rubenstein, Louis H. Salvage, John S. Slater, Louis P. Smith, A. M. Sonnabend, Benjamin Ulin, F. Frank Vorenberg, Mrs. Nehemiah H. Whitman and Nathan Yamins.

Isidor Slotnik

In addition, all officers and former Presidents are members of the Committee.

The Nominating Committee included Sidney R. Rabb, Chairman; David H. Greenberg, Secretary; Joseph M. Linsey, George Michelson and Louis P. Smith.

Dr. Shapiro's Appointment Signals Radiology Growth

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man of the Department of Radiology.

Dr. Shapiro succeeds Dr. Felix G. Fleischner who retired in 1960 to become Clinical Professor of Radiology, Emeritus. Dr. Morris Simon, Acting Radiologist-in-Chief for the past two years, now becomes Senior Radiologist.

Before coming to Beth Israel, Dr. Shapiro was consultant in planning the new physical facilities for the Department of Radiology. Soon to be completed, these will substantially expand the hospital's resources for diagnostic and therapeutic radiology.

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Profile of A Trustee

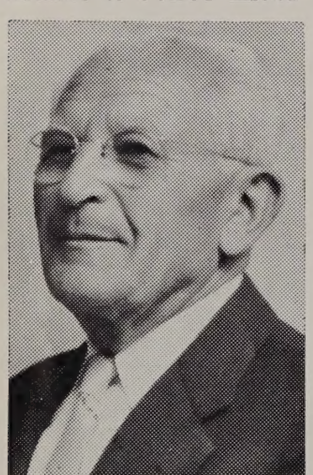
Life at the turn of the century for Oscar Sterman, an Honorary Trustee at Beth Israel Hospital, was fraught with danger and uncertainty during the pogroms in Czarist Russia.

Born 78 years ago, his early years were divided between work on farms and in factories in his home province of the Ukraine. He had little formal schooling in those years. At the age of 21, he immigrated to the United States with visions of a bright, new life. These were sharply jolted when he found his sister, who had arrived here before him, living in a fifth floor attic in Chelsea, earning $1.50 per week.

In 1916 Mr. Sterman organized the American Building Wrecking Company. The firm performed major demolition jobs on theaters and other public buildings between Boston and Utica, New York.

At Beth Israel he was on the original building committee for the first buildings constructed on this site, and was one of the committee instrumental in the buying of turbines to supply electrical power to the building.

In 1960, Mr. Sterman and his wife, Celia, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with assistance to other institu-



Oscar Sterman

tions and a $25,000 gift to help launch the B.I.'s recently completed development campaign.

Mrs. Sterman was one of the founders of the Hospital's Women's Auxiliary at the time the hospital was in Roxbury and is a Life Member and a Friend of the Maternity Unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterman have three daughters: Dr. Ida Sterman, wife of Dr. Louis Rottenberg; Mrs. Hyman (Natalie) Glass and Mrs. Abraham (Mildred) Zibet, and nine grandchildren.

Stein Tests Are Helpful

Whether a surgical patient will suffer pulmonary complications following an operation is now predictable with a high incidence of accuracy, according to Dr. Myron Stein, Associate in Medicine at Beth Israel and Instructor in Medicine at the Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Myron Stein

Dr. Stein, who also heads the Hospital's Pulmonary Function Laboratory, reports that his group has devised three tests which make it possible to find mild lung disease not usually identified in routine clinical examination or chest X-ray studies.

Working with Dr. Stein on this research project were: Dr. Howard A. Frank, Visiting Surgeon and Associate Director of Surgical Service at Beth Israel and Assistant Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School; Dr. Morris Simon, Senior Radiologist; and Dr. Gordon M. Koota, Assistant Resident in Surgery.

100 Patients Tested

During the investigations, 100 elderly patients considered ready for surgery were tested. Only 65 were operated on. Of these, 32 had been found vulnerable, were treated and then responded well to surgery.

The testing measures the lung's ability to mix inspired air as well as the patient's ability to produce an adequate cough, which, even when loud, may be ineffective.

Treatment of patients with abnormal test results will help save lives, Dr. Stein believes, since appropriate pre-operative care will prevent most of these lung complications.

Patient Care Improved Through Value Buying by Purchasing Dept.

Picture, if you can, some 40,000 boxes, crates, cartons and bundles—all sizes, weights and shapes—crossing the Beth Israel Hospital receiving platform each year.

Before these supplies arrive, see 30-40 salesmen weekly, process 13,700 orders for stock items and 6,800 requisitions submitted by other departments each year. Buy wisely in terms of more than $2 million annually—anything from "Adhesives to Zinc"—and you will begin to know why Vincent W. Godlesky, Purchasing Agent since 1939, says, "Volume and variety are what we deal in," when telling how the Purchasing & Stores department plays a vital role in patient care.

Service to Sick

And that is just part of the story, for the department includes the Print Shop which produces almost 80% of all printed forms used at B.I. and the Butcher Shop which handles, to mention only three items, 110 bushels of fruit and vegetables, and 3,400 pounds of meat each week.

"Although we do not have direct patient contact, we feel we render service to the sick and injured by procuring the most suitable materials needed by the doctor, the nurse, the dietitian and other personnel," says Mr. Godlesky.

"Buying value is our main objective. To us, this means the most in quality and suitability for the least in price. To evaluate some of the newly developed items designed for patient care and research—there are many these days — we often consult with our doctors and nursing supervisors."

Vincent Godlesky

A Materials Handling program started last year reflects the department's work with others in the Hospital to reduce costs while bettering patient care.

As one of its first efforts, thorough cost and in-use studies were made before pre-packaged disposable syringes and one-use needles were adopted. These virtually eliminate the potential hazard of cross-infection and time consuming processing of reusable needles and syringes.

B. I. Program Wins Award

Norman L. Cahners, (left) chairman of Beth Israel Hospital Public Relations Committee, accepts award of Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds for excellence of B. I.'s year round interpretation program. Presentation at 31st General Assembly in Philadelphia was made by Isidor Schifrin (right) of Cincinnati, chairman of the CJFWF Community Interpretation Committee.

New Post To Dr. Alexander

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try department and then trained abroad on a Harvard Moseley Traveling Fellowship.

His contributions to clinical and biochemical research are reflected in over 100 publications. In recent years his research has centered around blood clotting mechanisms.

He and his colleagues have discovered two components in plasma that play fundamental roles in blood clotting. He has also developed simple methods of obtaining purified proteins, thus permitting biochemical study of these substances and improving the clinical management of hemophilia and related bleeding disorders.

In Memoriam

Beth Israel Hospital mourns the loss, through death, of five members of the staff and extends deepest sympathies to their families.

Dr. Hyman Morrison, Visiting Physician; Clinical Professor of Medicine at Tufts Medical School — September 27, 1962.

Dr. Meier G. Karp, Head, Department of Orthopedics; Clinical Associate in Orthopedic Surgery at Harvard Medical School — September 13, 1962.

Dr. Harry B. Levine, Associate Visiting Physician in Medicine — August 30, 1962.

Dr. Maurice S. Rothman, Associate Visiting Physician in Medicine — November 5, 1962

Mr. Harry Bailey, Assistant Administrative Engineer, Maintenance — August 20, 1962.